

France : 1.000 nesting boxes in our gardens !

Let us take up this challenge at the occasion of the Day of Nature

In 2011, the French allotment garden federation took part for the first time in the celebrations of the Day of Nature. As we had taken this decision very late, we had not much time to prepare this activity. Nevertheless several associations, local committees and allotment garden sites around Paris volunteered and organized open days and visits of the gardens.

This year the subject of the Day of Nature is more suitable for an important participation of all our members. Because of the hundredth anniversary of the federation for birds protection, the organisers, among which we are, have chosen “birds and biodiversity” as subject.

We have 2 reasons to take part:

- **Our Charter for gardening and environment appeals to us to protect the biodiversity of living creatures**
- **Our partnership with the bird protection federation form part of the programme for the constitution of sanctuaries**

In taking part in the Day of Nature we will give life to our partnership with the bird protection federation and we will protect our gardens against predators (plant lice, worms, slacks....) as we offer sanctuaries to our allies, the birds, which will clear them away. In fact, among the suggested activities for the Day of Nature, the activity “**challenge 10.000 nest boxes**” is the most important in terms of communication and the most easy to put into practice. The aim of the activity is to create 10.000 nest boxes all over France between **May 9th and June 1st, 2012.**